

# Measurement of the Beam-Normal Single Spin Asymmetry in Deep Inelastic Scattering using the SoLID Spectrometer

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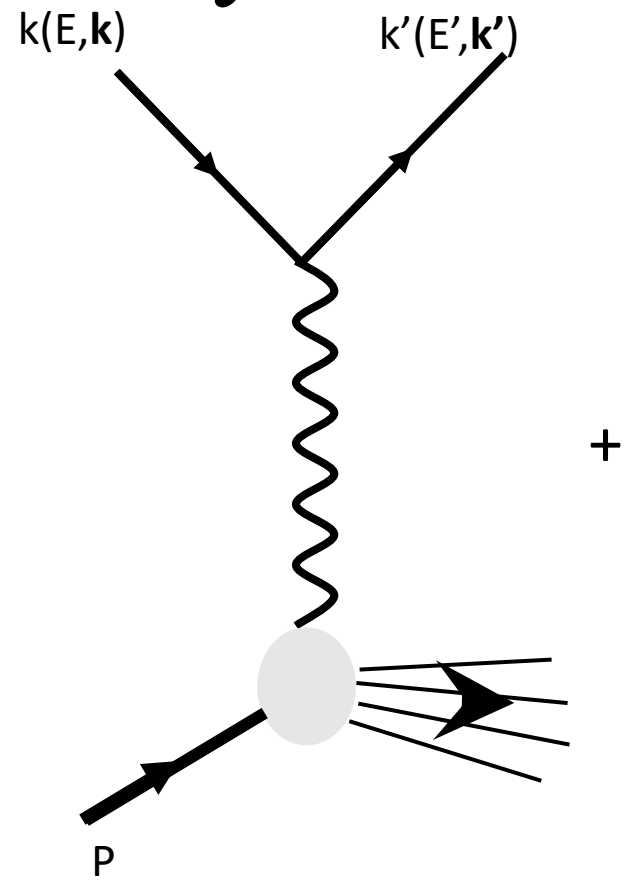
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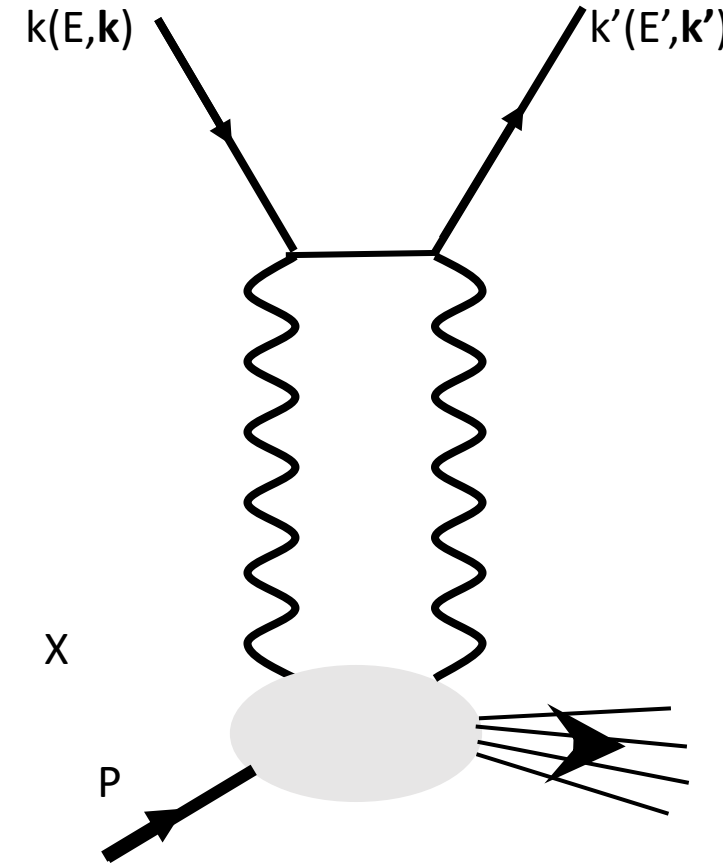
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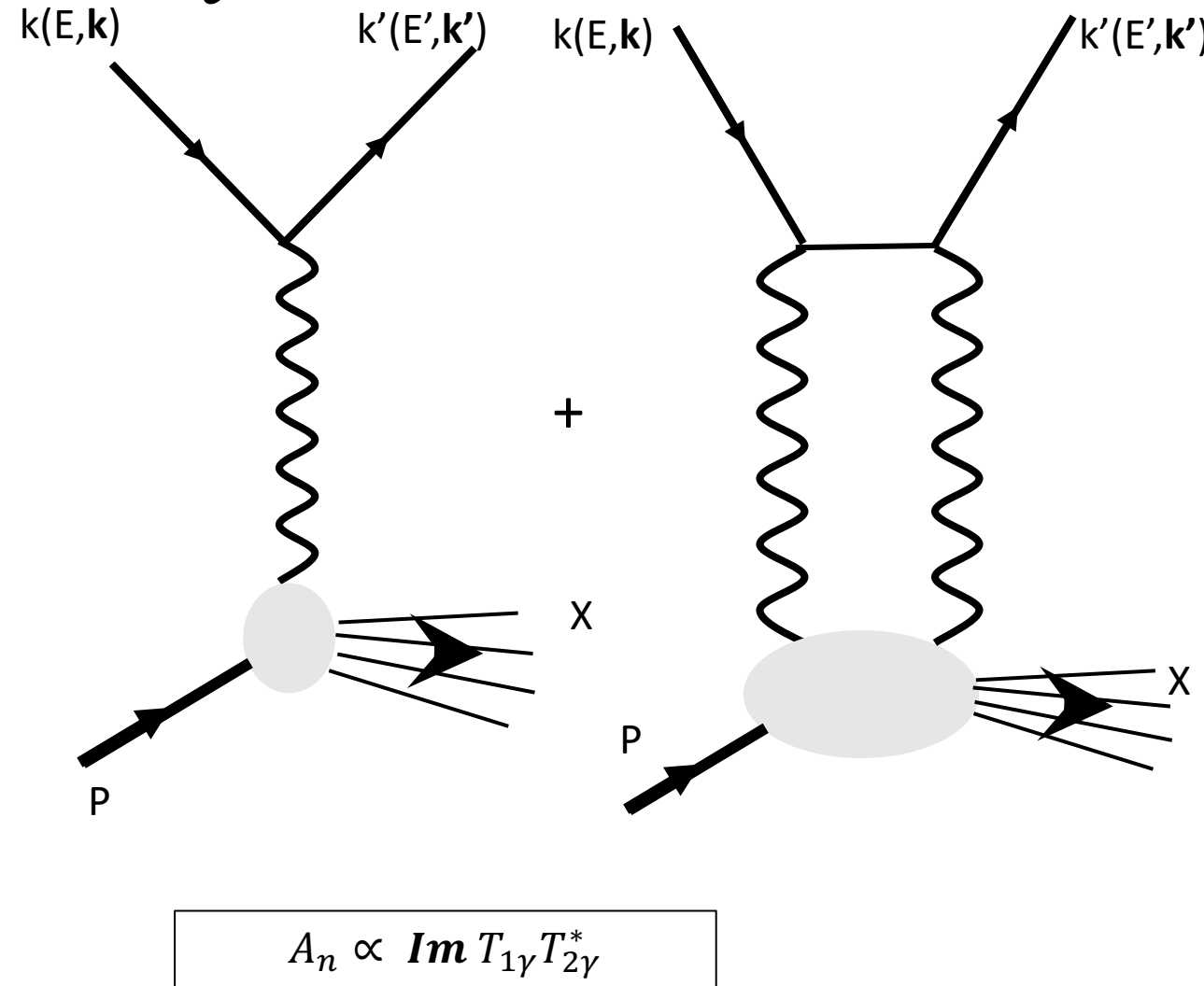
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  - Normal single-spin asymmetries provide access to the **imaginary** part of the TPE



# Beam-Normal Single Spin Asymmetries

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1. Non-zero BNSSA in DIS?
2. Dominant mechanism?
  - Two photon exchange occurs between lepton and the **same** quark?
  - Two photon exchange occurs between lepton and **different** quarks?
  - A full understanding of normal single spin asymmetries could have implications on TMD studies
3. First precision measurement in DIS (past measurements in elastic only)

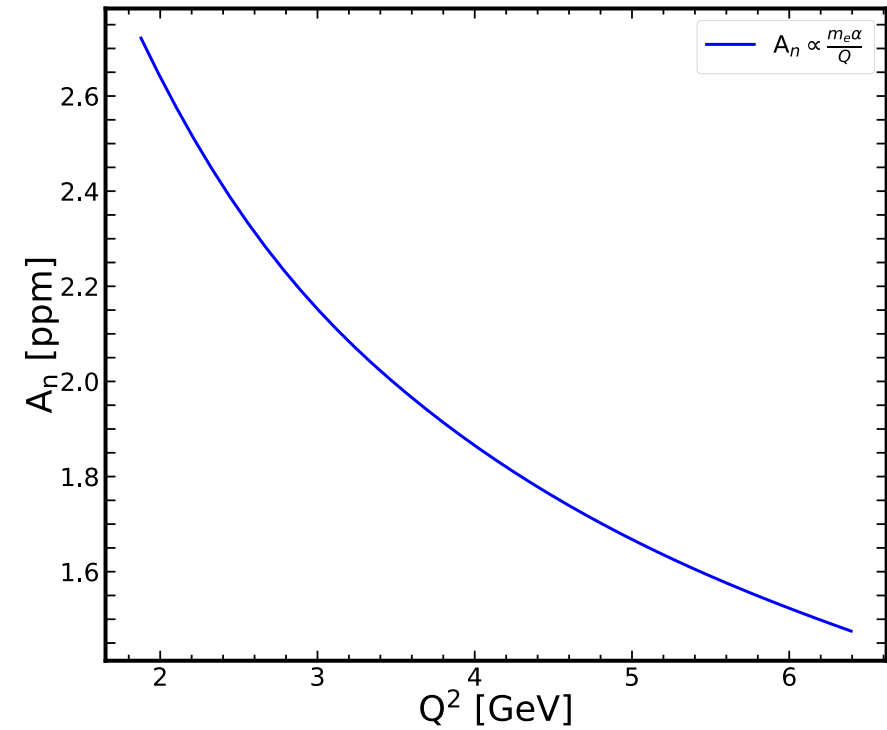
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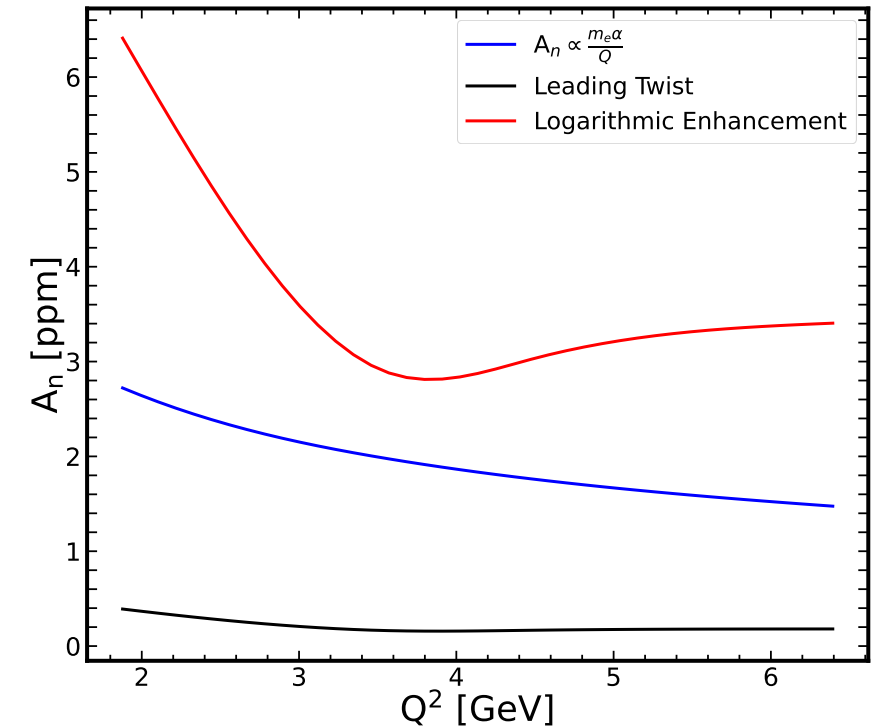
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# Motivation

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- (Almost) non-existent experimental evidence for the beam-normal SSA in DIS
- [M. Schlegel, \*Phys.Rev.D\* 87 \(2013\) 3, 034006](#)
  - "In principle, single-spin observables in inclusive DIS with either the **lepton** or nucleon being transversely polarized **are equally fundamental**"
- DIS TPE data are limited
  - "Measurement of  $A_n$  to **5 ppm would** provide very useful information. Even  $A_n$  to 10 ppm is a big step" Andrei Afanasev
- A high precision measurement of the beam-normal SSA would be impactful in
  - Understanding the dominant mechanism in BNSSA and TNSSA
  - Constraining TPE models
- A large SSA beyond leading twist could have implications to TMD measurements
  - SIDIS measurements of TMDs via SSA could require a separation of TPE and TMD effects

# Normal Single Spin Asymmetries: DIS

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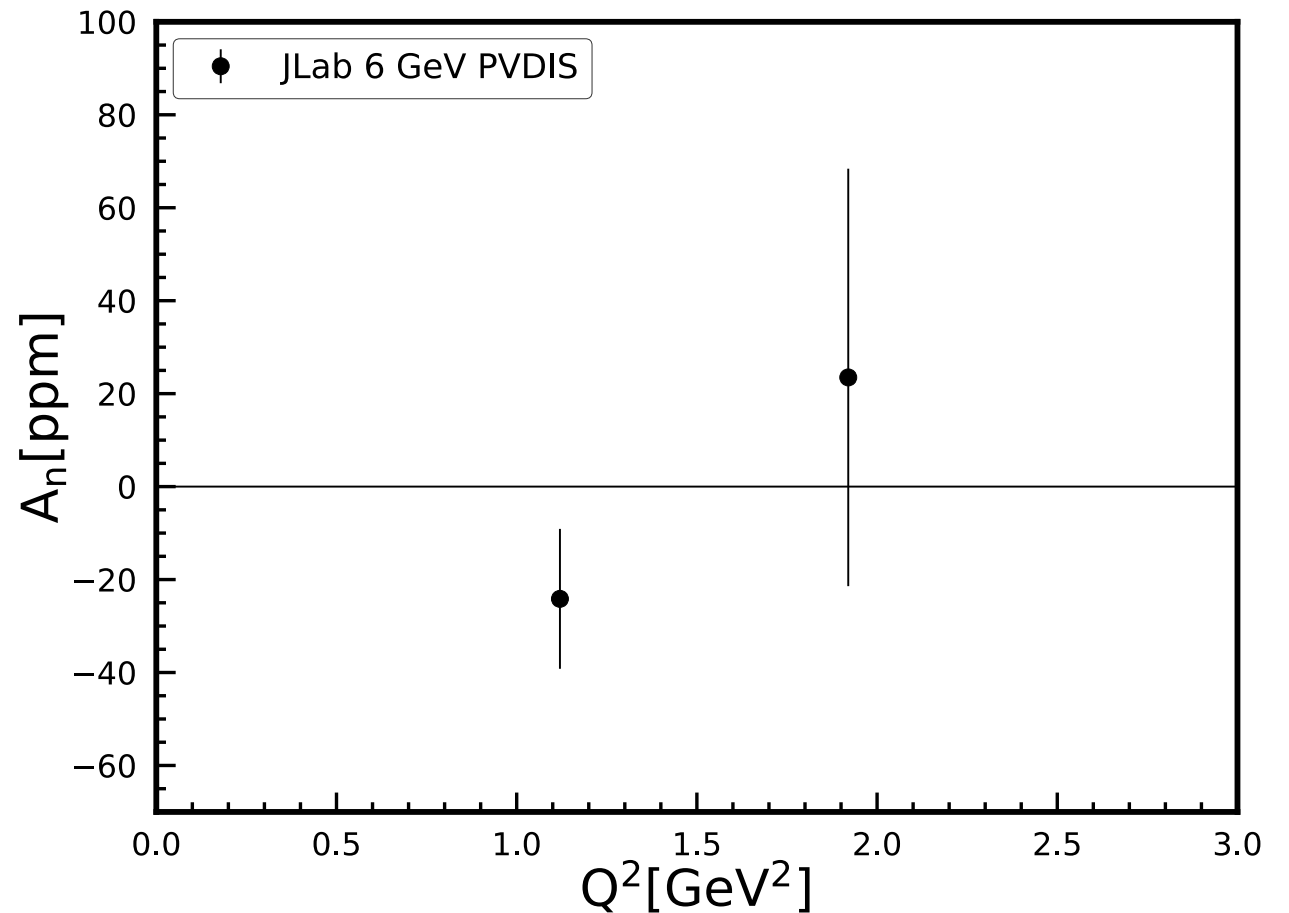
- Investigations in the TPE date back to measurements in the 1960's
- Measurements:
  - Differences in the ratio of cross sections:  $\frac{e^+}{e^-}$  or  $\frac{\mu^+}{\mu^-}$
  - **Beam-** or target- normal single spin asymmetries
- Limited number of TPE measurements
  - BNSSA : (nearly) **non-existent** and **no planned measurements**
  - TNSSA : Measurements on proton and neutron (via  $^3\text{He}$ )
    - [Ay \(E12-11-108A/E12-10-006\)](#) : Approved SoLID Run Group Experiment
    - Uncertainty:  $10^{-4}$ - $10^{-3}$  ( $1.5 < Q^2 < 7.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ )

# Beam-Normal Single Spin Asymmetry

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**Only DIS measurement**

[D. Wang et al., Phys. Rev. C 91 \(2014\)](#)



# Elastic Beam-Normal Single Spin Asymmetry

[E. E. Maas et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 94 \(2005\)](#)

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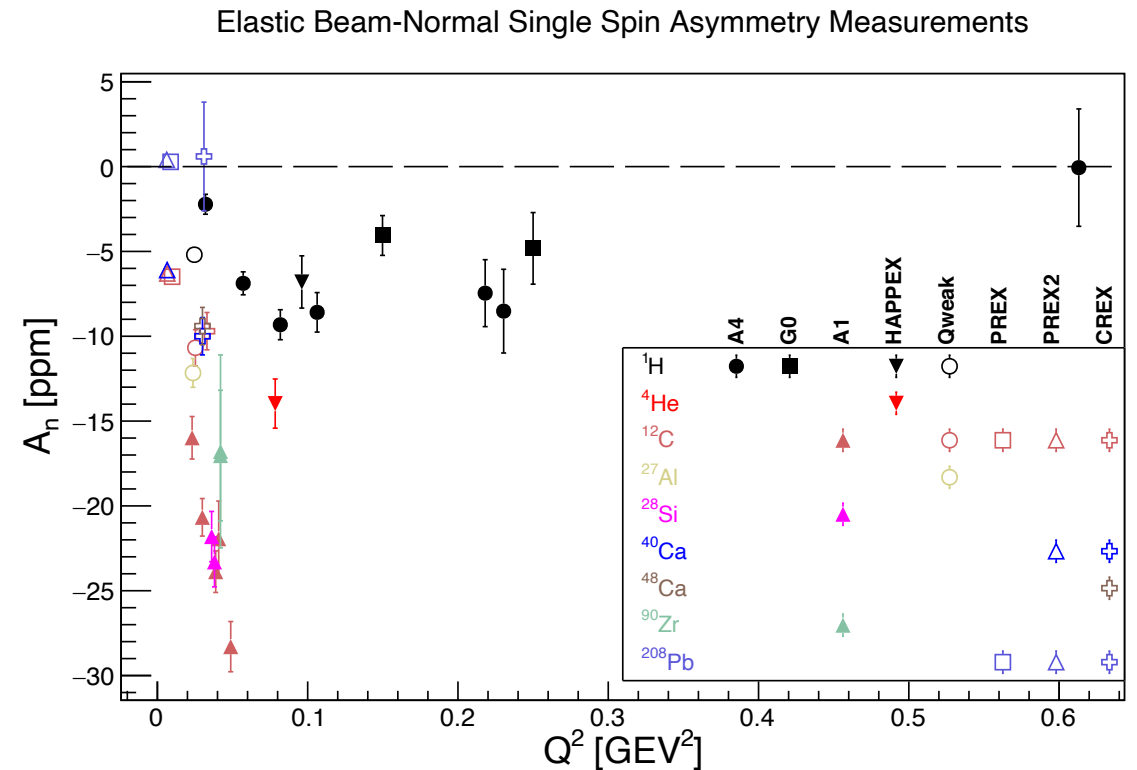
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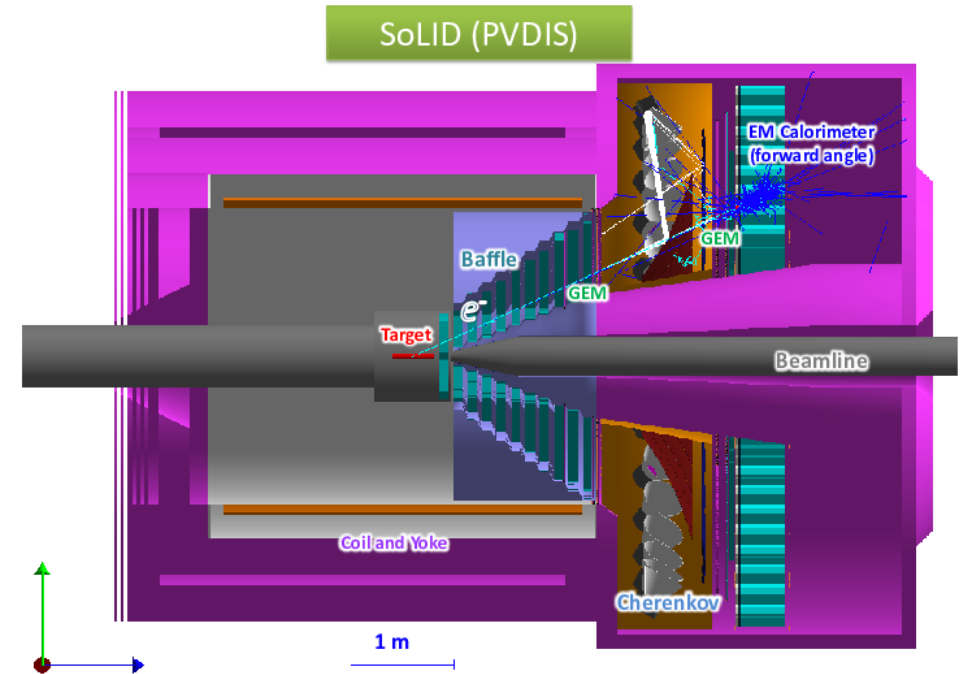
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# Experimental Overview



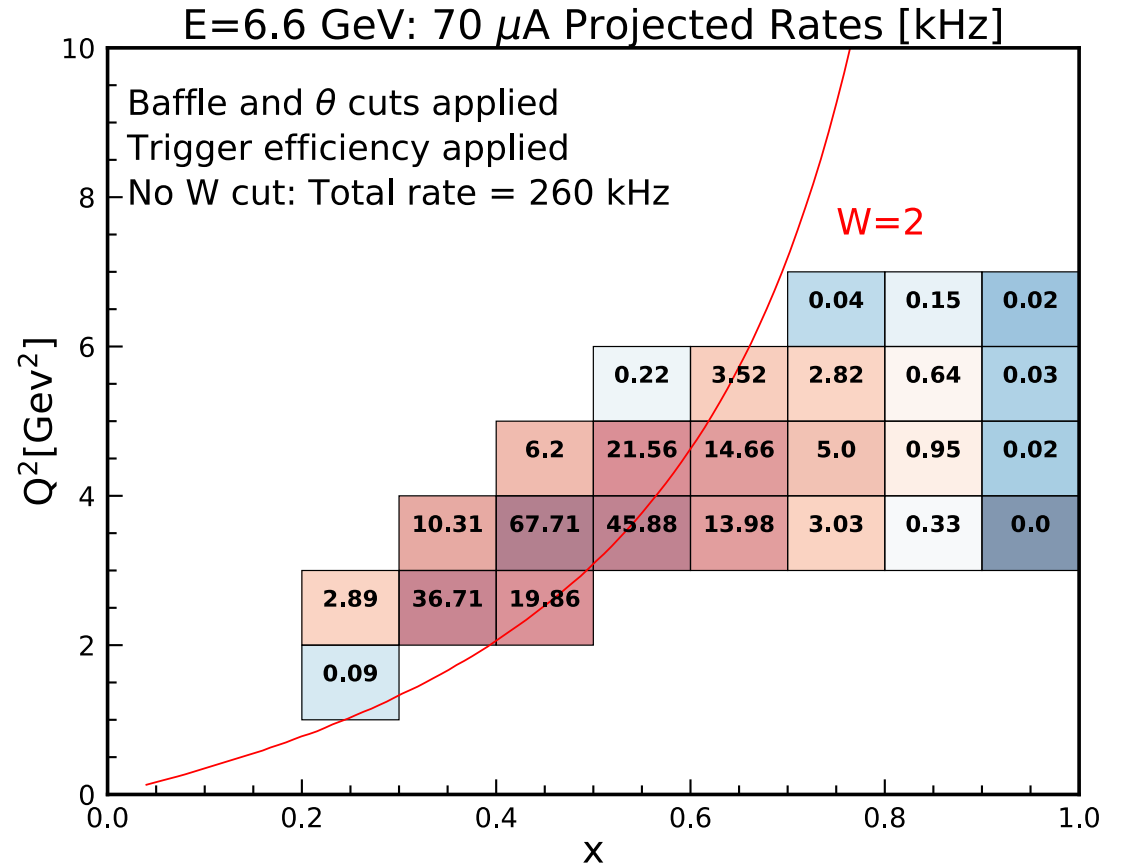
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  - PVDIS 40-cm liquid hydrogen target
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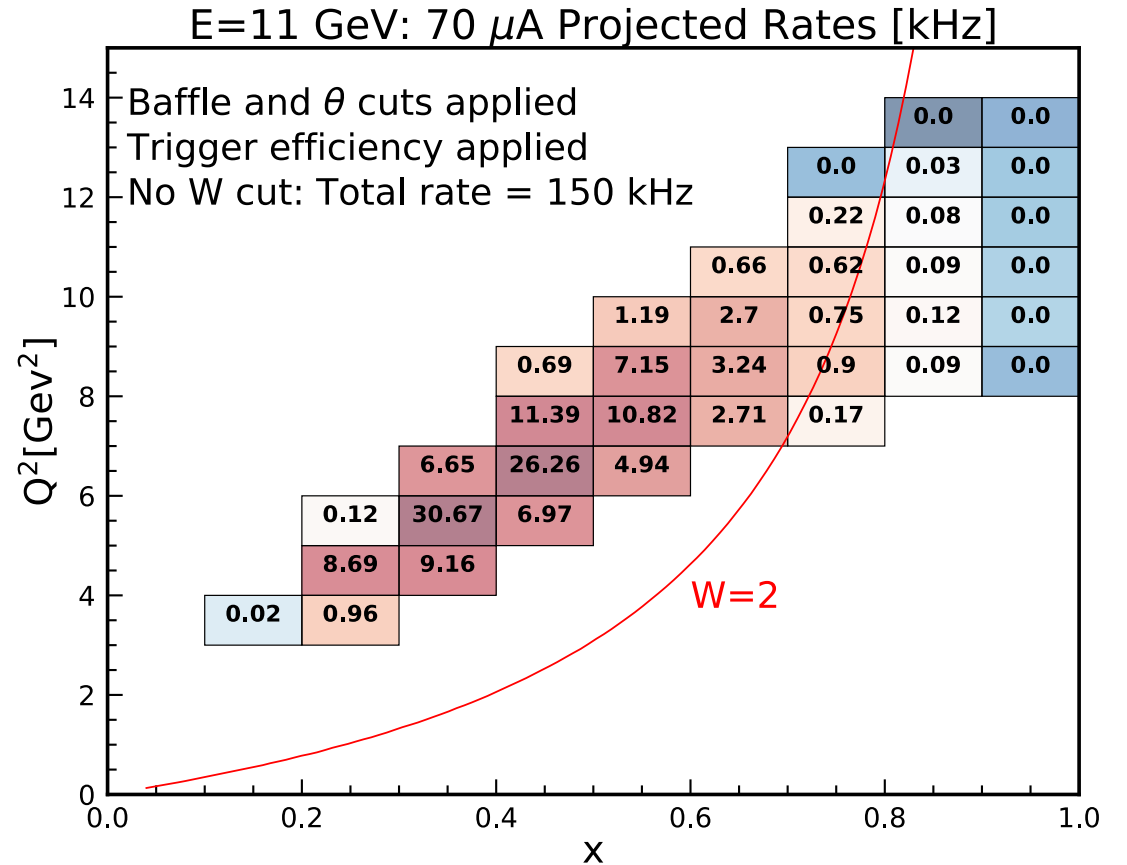
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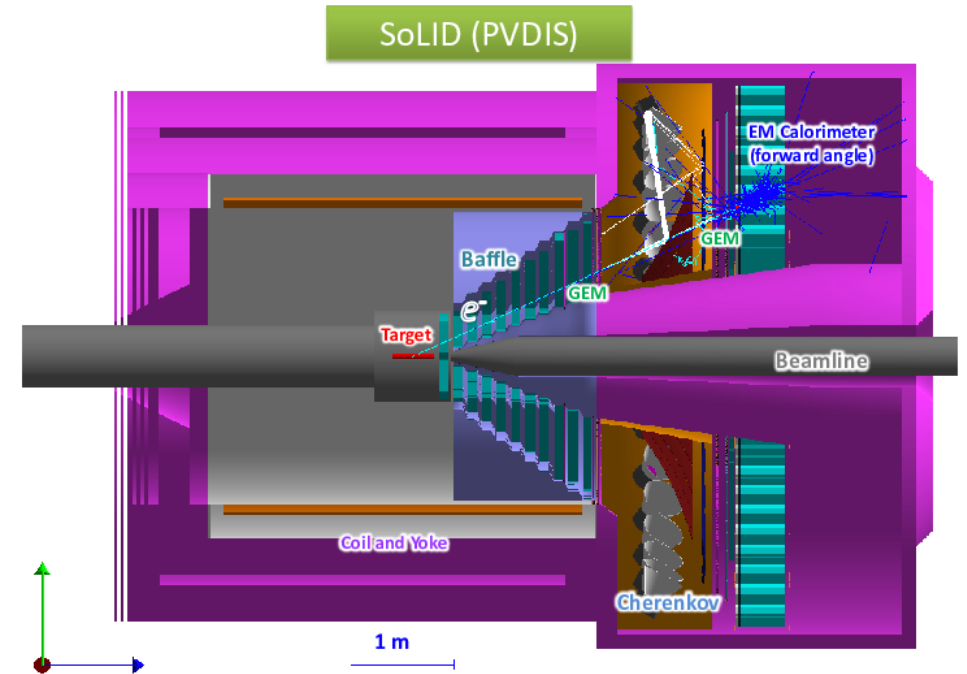
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  - $\mathcal{L} \sim 5.4 \cdot 10^{38} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- SoLID provides a unique opportunity to perform a precision measurement of the beam-normal SSA in deep inelastic scattering
- *TAC: “Overall the proposal has no major technical show-stopper”*



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Grand Total (6.6 GeV + 11.0 GeV)		3.9 PAC days

Stability of transverse polarization is equivalent to longitudinal polarization

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Added In response to TAC and reader review

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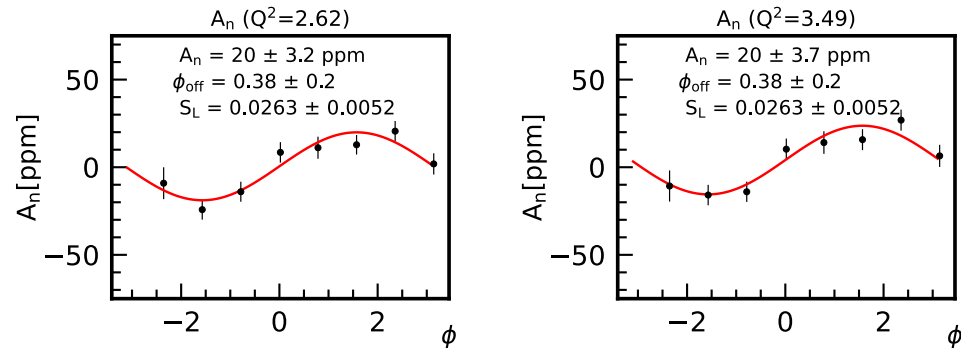
SoLID simulation based on PVDIS configuration

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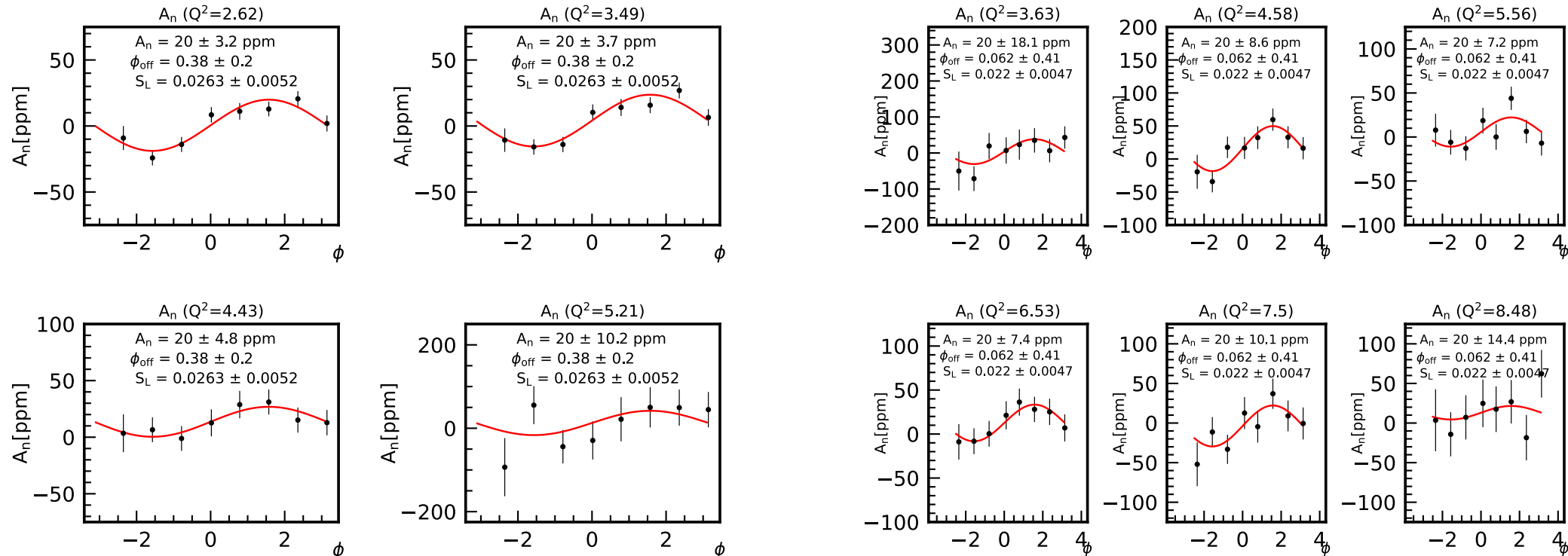
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Beam-normal SSA extracted from multi-parameter fit:  $C_n \sin(\varphi + \varphi_{\text{offset}}) + S_L A_{\text{PVDIS}}$

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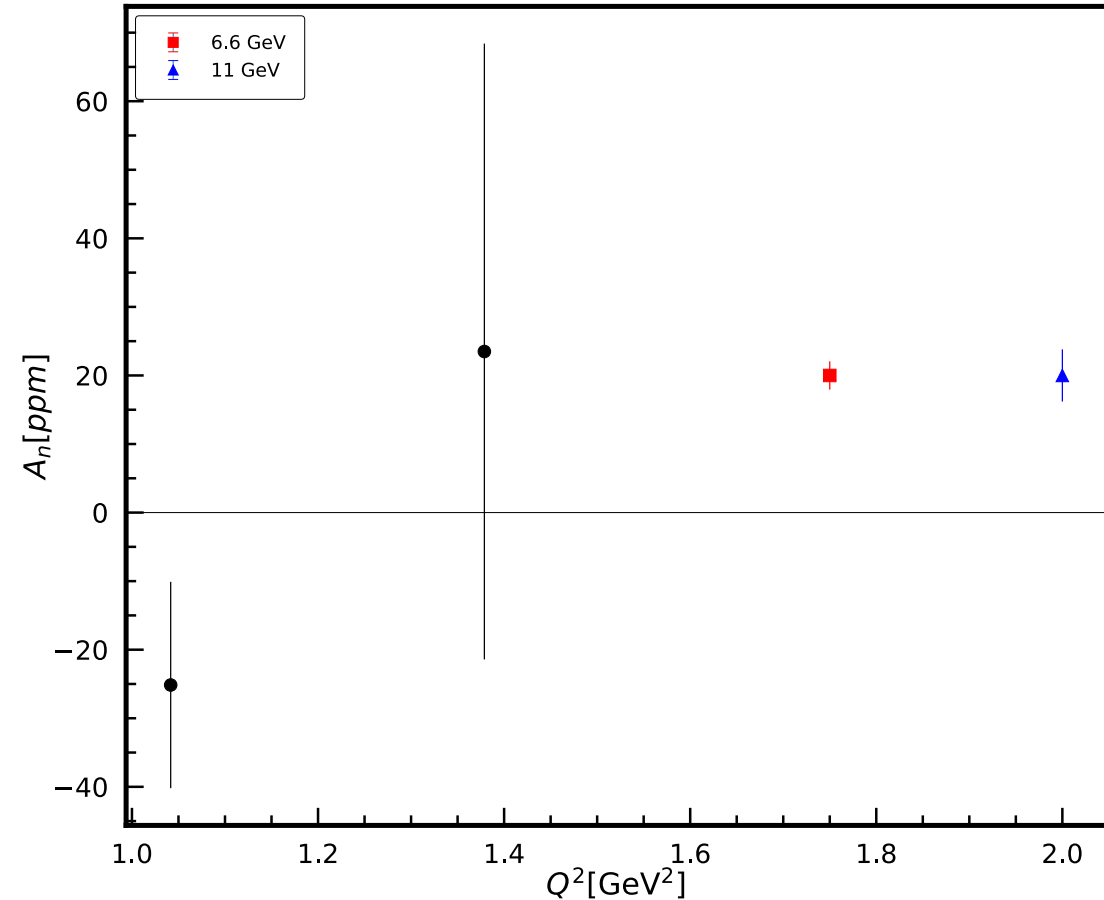
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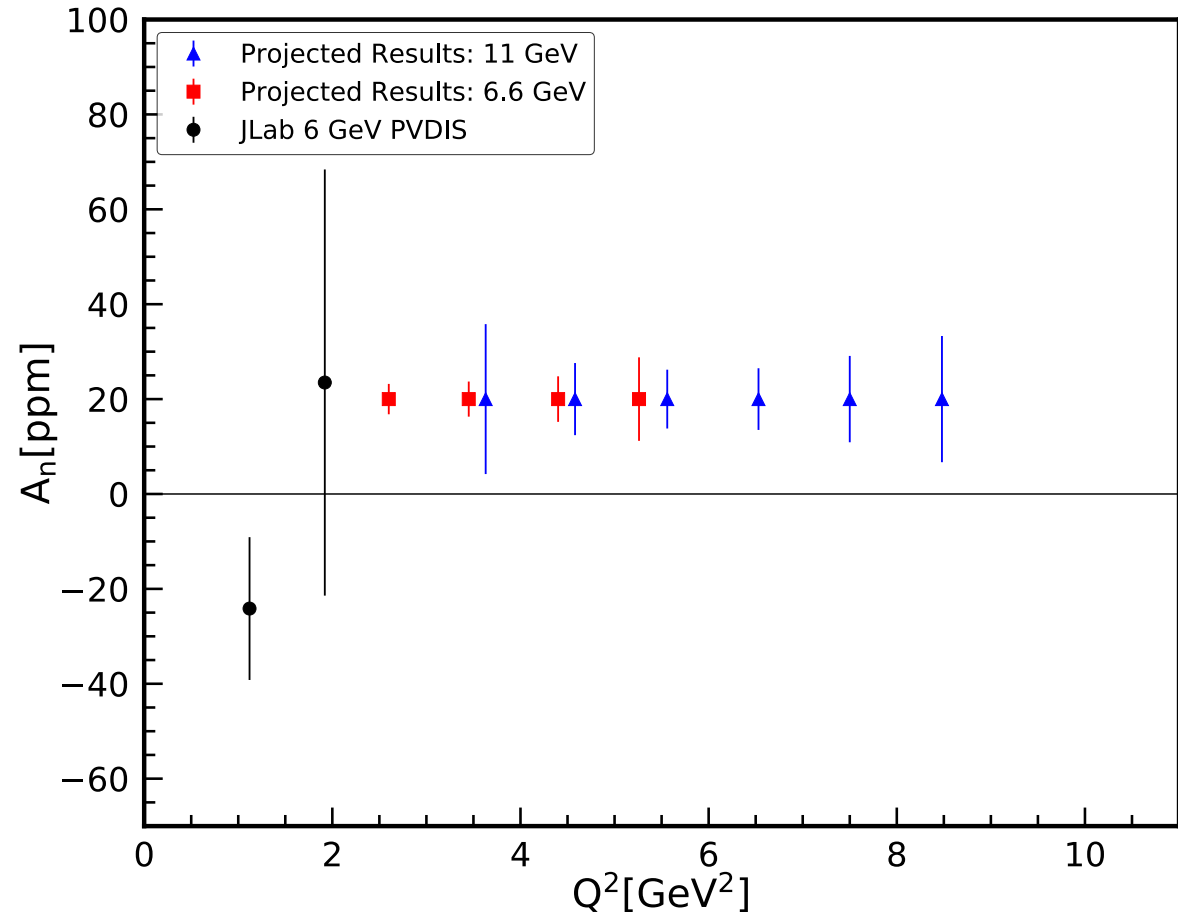
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*TAC Theory: "...it will be interesting to observe the  $Q^2$  dependence of the asymmetry empirically, to test whether the scattering takes place on a single quark or involved more complicated nonperturbative multi-parton interactions."*

**The opportunity to observe a  $Q^2$  dependence with sufficient precision is primarily due to the design SoLID**



# Beam Time Request

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<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Time (Days)</b>	<b>Energy (GeV)</b>	<b>Beam Current (<math>\mu\text{A}</math>)</b>
Commissioning	2	varies	As needed
Polarimetry	4	varies	As needed
Pass Change	0.67	N/A	N/A
Reverse SoLID Polarity	0.67	N/A	N/A
Reverse polarity run	0.33	6.6	70
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40-cm LH <sub>2</sub> Production	17	6.6	70
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A total of 38 PAC days

# Summary

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- The proposed experiment would be the **first high-precision measurement** of the beam-normal single spin asymmetry in deep inelastic scattering
- No other planned measurements
- The beam-normal single spin asymmetry provides an essential tool for studying the two-photon exchange effect
  - Will add a new observable to the TPE landscape
- Important for theoretical models
  - Further insight into dominant mechanism (single or two quark)
  - Complementary to the already approved target-normal single spin asymmetry
- Theoretical support
  - [INT: PVDIS at JLab 12 GeV and beyond](#)
  - [Radiative Corrections from medium to high energy experiments](#)
  - Drive interest of both experimental and theoretical communities
- **Jefferson Lab and SoLID make this a realistic measurement**

Thank You

# Projections

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- Estimated the projected impact
- Utilized SoLID simulation for PVDIS configuration

- 40-cm LH<sub>2</sub> Production
- $W > 2$ ,  $22^\circ < \theta < 35^\circ$ ,  $P_b = 85\%$

- Generate pseudo-data:

- $A_{raw,pseudo-data}^{i^{th}bin} = 20_{ppm} \sin(\phi) + r_i \Delta_{stat}^i + r_b A_{p,PVDIS}^i$

- $r_i$  and  $r_b$ : random number drawn from Normal distribution
- $r_b$  common across all bins at same beam energy

- Perform multi-parameter fit:

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= C_1 \sin(\varphi + \varphi_{offset}) + S_L A_{PVDIS} \\ f_2 &= C_2 \sin(\varphi + \varphi_{offset}) + S_L A_{PVDIS} \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \\ f_N &= C_N \sin(\varphi + \varphi_{offset}) + S_L A_{PVDIS} \end{aligned}$$

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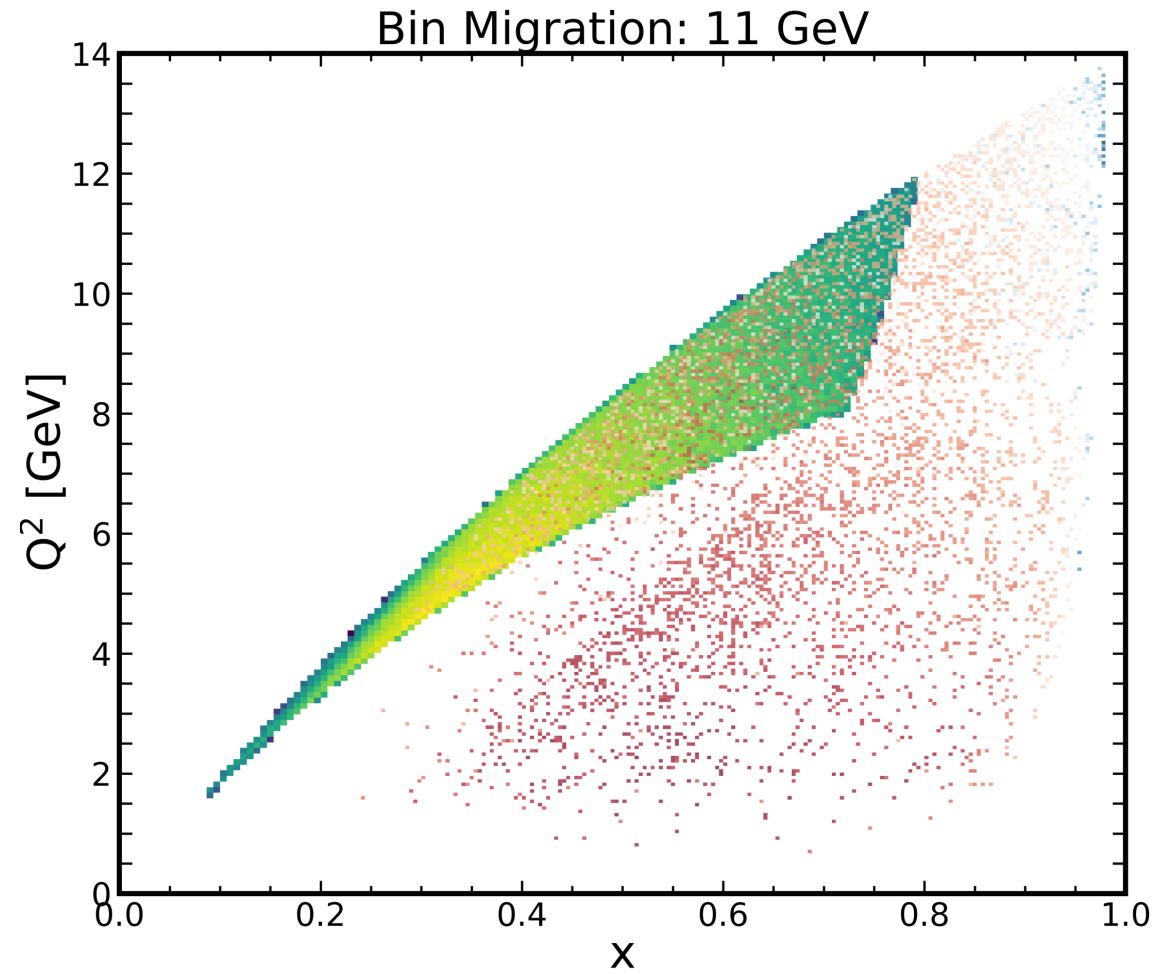
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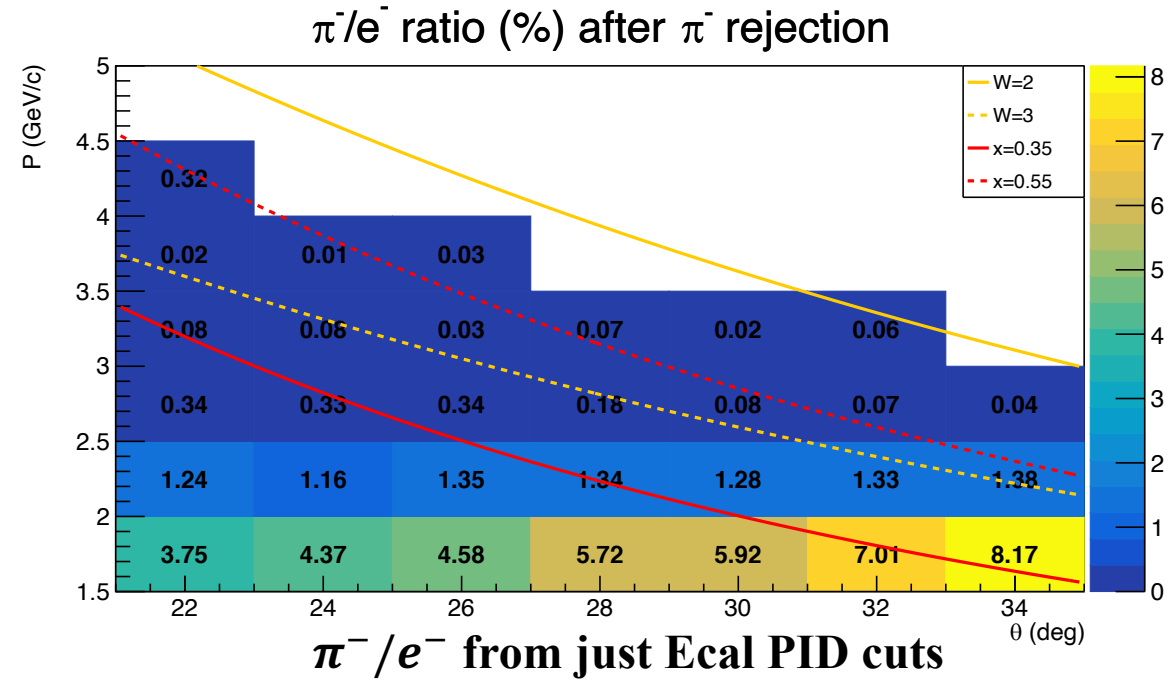
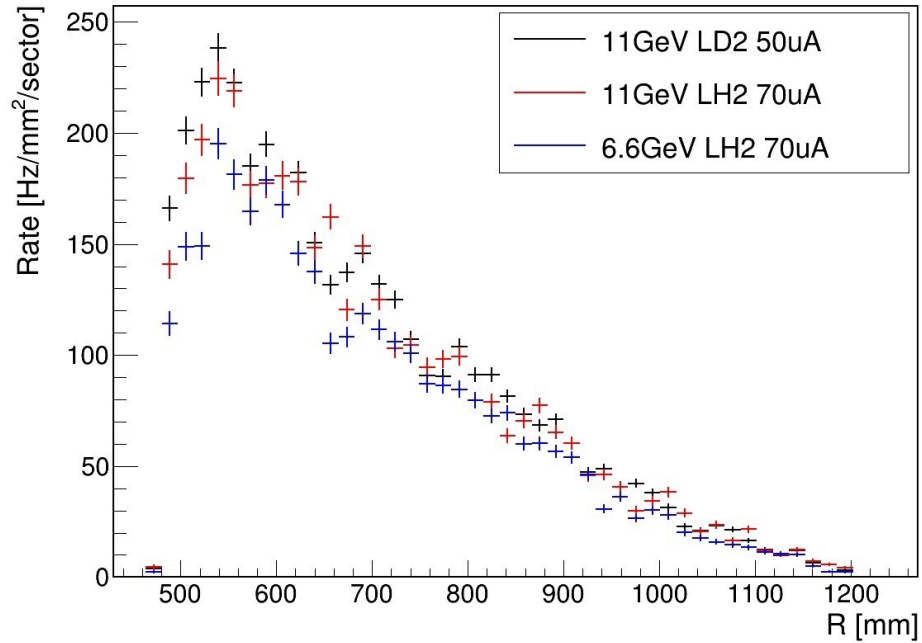


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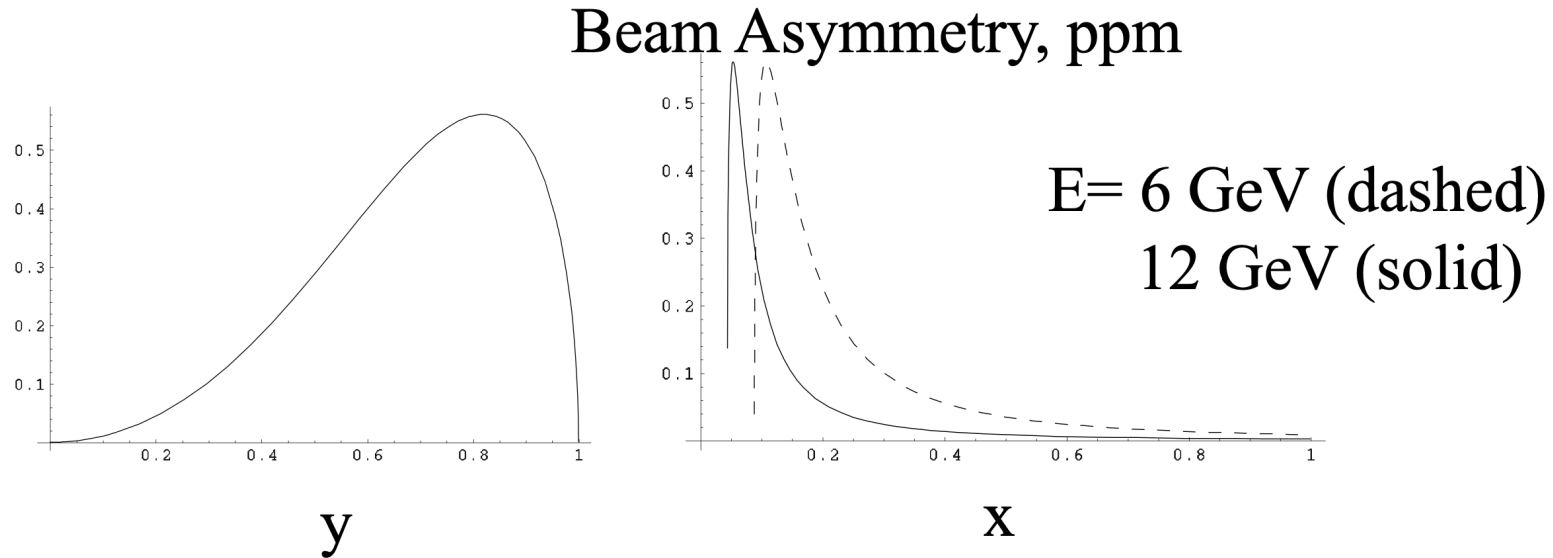


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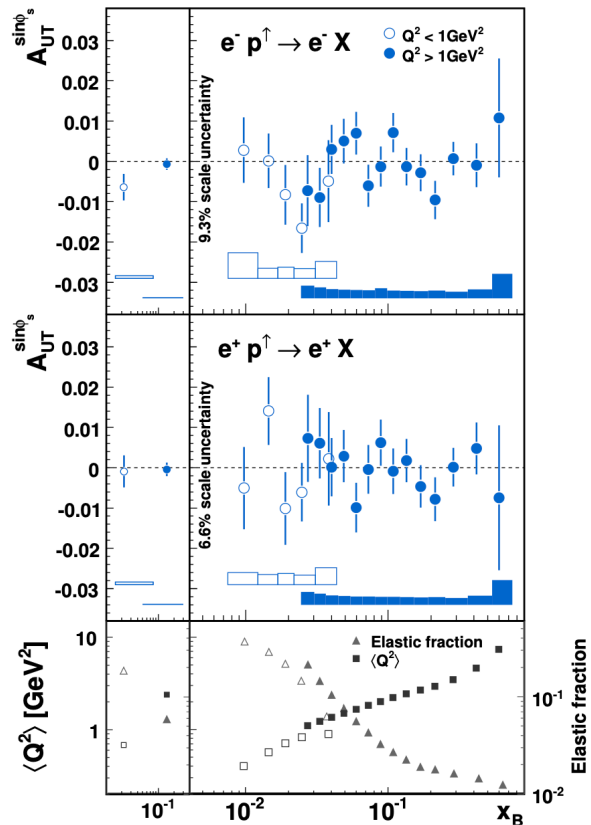
Total background expected to be smaller than PVDIS LD2

# Logarithmic Enhancement



- The leading-twist calculation predicts the effect around 1/2 ppm
- Regge-limit (optical theorem): 10-100ppm: AA PRB 599 (2004) 48
- PVDIS at JLAB *Phys. Rev. C* 91 (2015) ~20ppm, large uncertainty
- Large-log enhancements leads to the estimates  
 $A_n \sim 0.5$ ppm (leading twist)  $0.5$ ppm  $\log(Q^2/m_e^2) \sim 8$ ppm

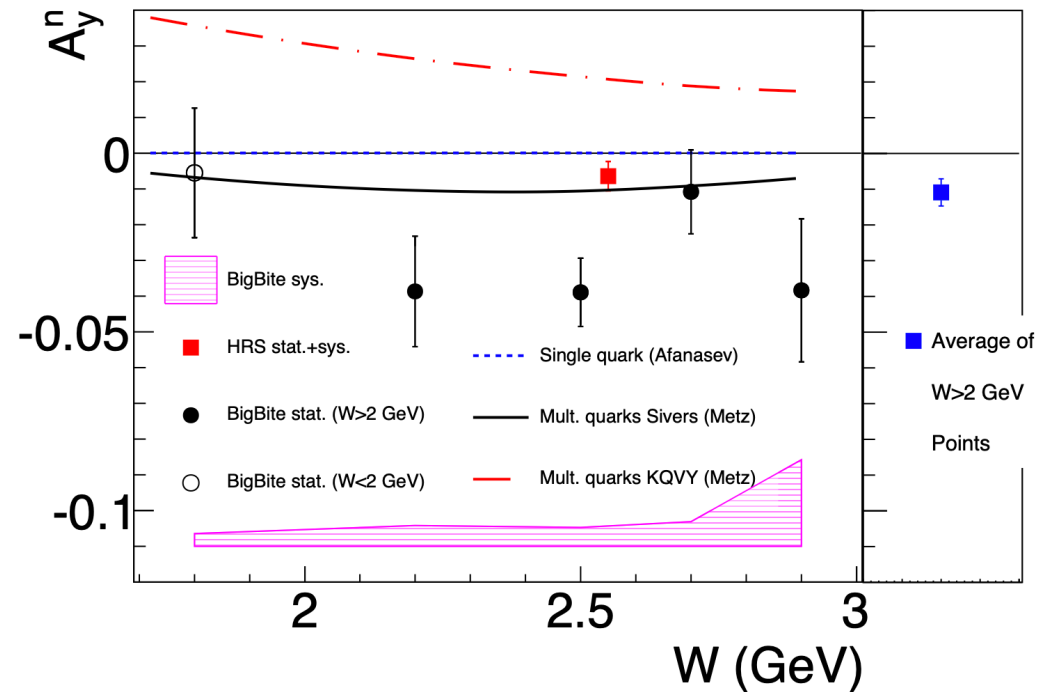
# Target-Normal Single Spin Asymmetry



Neutron Asymmetries extracted:

$$A_y^{3\text{He}} = (1 - f_p)P_n A_y^n + f_p P_p A_y^p$$

$P_p(P_n)$  = Effective proton (neutron) polarization



$$A_y^p = (0.6 - 0.9) \pm (1.50 - 3.97) \times 10^{-3}$$

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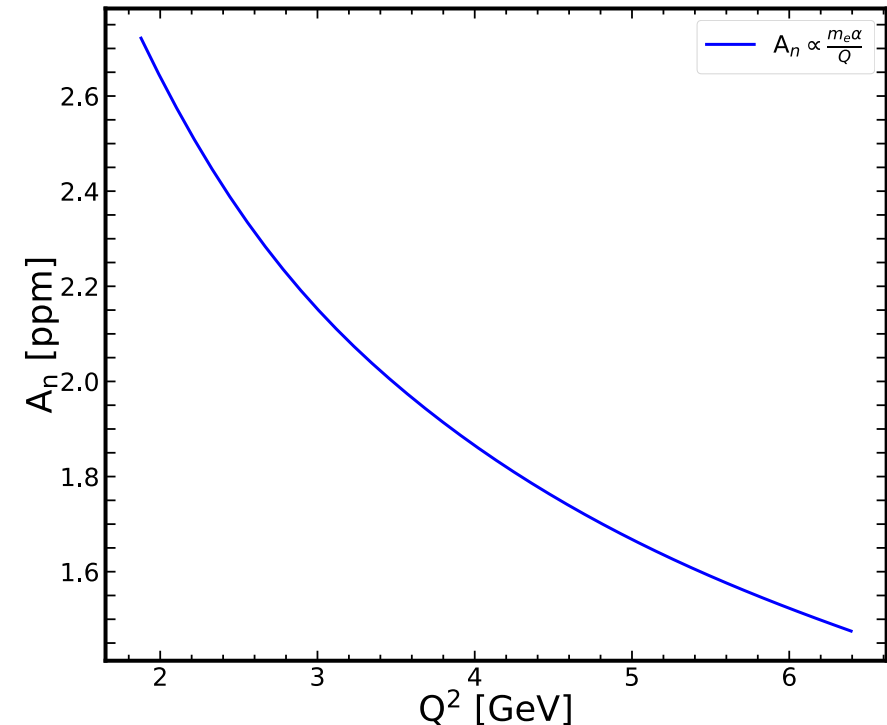
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[Katich et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 113 \(2014\)](#)

# Enhancement of $A_n$

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- $A_n \sim (10^{-6}-10^{-7})$
- [M. Schlegel and A. Metz \(2009\)](#)
  - “One might also speculate about enhanced results from effects beyond the naive parton model. In Refs. [8, 9, 10, 11] (double) logarithms of the type  $\log(Q^2/m^2)$  were advocated in connection with the transverse beam SSA in elastic lepton-nucleon scattering. Such logarithmic terms might also increase the beam SSA in DIS considered here. However, further work is required in order to decide whether and how precisely such effects show up for the DIS case”
- TNSSA
  - “No very realistic numerical estimate of all the contributions. Therefore, it is difficult to say which of the two contributions (coupling to different quarks vs coupling to the same quark) dominates.”



# Target-Normal Single Spin Asymmetry

Highest  $Q^2$  point is consistent with the GPD calculations

[Y.W. Zhang et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 115 \(2015\)](#)

